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5 associating each data value of the plurality of data values with one
6 of a plurality of geometric shapes according to a predetermined set of rules;

7 placing said one of the plurality of geometric shapes associated
8 with each data value of the plurality of data values on the grid; and

9 displaying visual and geometric information placed on the grid to a
10 user in graphical form.

1 2. (Amended) A method for visualizing data arrays provided
2 in the form of a plurality of data values, said method comprising the steps of:

3 extracting a plurality of data values associated with a mathematical
4 matrix to generate a grid based on the plurality of data values;

5 identifying one of a plurality of numerical attributes associated
6 with each data value of the plurality of data values;

7 associating each numerical attribute with one of a plurality of
8 visual attributes;

9 associating each data value of the plurality of data values with one
10 of a plurality of geometric shapes each having one of the plurality of visual
11 attributes, which is consistent with the data value, according to a predetermined
12 set of rules;

13 placing said one of the plurality of geometric shapes associated
14 with each data value of the plurality of data values on the grid; and

15 displaying visual and geometric information placed on the grid to a
16 user in graphical form.

1 4. (Amended) The method according to claim 1, wherein the
2 data arrays of the plurality of data values are the data arrays of conductance
3 matrices.

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1 5. (Amended) An article of manufacture comprising a
2 computer usable medium having computer readable program code means
3 embodied therein for visualizing data arrays provided in the form of a plurality
4 of data values, the computer readable program code means in said article of
5 manufacture comprising computer readable program code means for causing a
6 computer to effect:

7 extracting a plurality of data values associated with a mathematical
8 matrix to generate a grid based on the plurality of data values;

9 associating each data value of the plurality of data values with one
10 of a plurality of geometric shapes according to a predetermined set of rules;

11 placing said one of the plurality of geometric shapes associated
12 with each data value of the plurality of data values on the grid; and

13 displaying visual and geometric information placed on the grid to a
14 user in graphical form.

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1 6. (Amended) An article of manufacture comprising a
2 computer usable medium having computer readable program code means
3 embodied therein for visualizing data arrays provided in the form of a plurality
4 of data values, the computer readable program code means in said article of
5 manufacture comprising computer readable program code means for causing a
6 computer to effect:

7 extracting a plurality of data values associated with a mathematical
8 matrix to generate a grid based on the plurality of data values;

9 identifying one of a plurality of numerical attributes associated
10 with each data value of the plurality of data values;

11 associating each numerical attribute with one of a plurality of
12 visual attributes;

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13 associating each data value of the plurality of data values with one
14 of a plurality of geometric shapes each having one of the plurality of visual
15 attributes, which is consistent with the data value, according to a predetermined
16 set of rules;

17 placing said one of the plurality of geometric shapes associated
18 with each data value of the plurality of data values on the grid; and

19 displaying visual and geometric information placed on the grid to a
20 user in graphical form.

1 8. (Amended) The article of manufacture according to claim
2 5, wherein the data arrays of the plurality of data values are the data arrays of
3 conductance matrices.

1 9. (Amended) A computer program product comprising a
2 computer usable medium having computer readable program code means
3 embodied therein for causing visualization of data arrays provided in the form of
4 a plurality of data values, the computer readable program code means in said
5 computer program product comprising computer readable program code means
6 for causing a computer to effect:

7 extracting a plurality of data values associated with a mathematical
8 matrix to generate a grid based on the plurality of data values;

9 associating each data value of the plurality of data values with one
10 of a plurality of geometric shapes according to a predetermined set of rules;

11 placing said one of the plurality of geometric shapes associated
12 with each data value of the plurality of data values on the grid; and

13 displaying visual and geometric information placed on the grid to a
14 user in graphical form.

1 10. (Amended) A computer program product comprising a
2 computer usable medium having computer readable program code means

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3 embodied therein for causing visualization of data arrays provided in the form of
4 a plurality of data values, the computer readable program code means in said
5 computer program product comprising computer readable program code means
6 for causing a computer to effect:

7 extracting a plurality of data values associated with a mathematical
8 matrix to generate a grid based on the plurality of data values;

9 identifying one of a plurality of numerical attributes associated
10 with each data value of the plurality of data values;

11 associating each numerical attribute with one of a plurality of
12 visual attributes;

13 associating each data value of the plurality of data values with one
14 of a plurality of geometric shapes each having one of the plurality of visual
15 attributes, which is consistent with the data value, according to a predetermined
16 set of rules;

17 placing said one of the plurality of geometric shapes associated
18 with each data value of the plurality of data values on the grid; and

19 displaying visual and geometric information placed on the grid to a
20 user in graphical form.

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1 12. (Amended) The product according to claim 9, wherein the
2 data arrays of the plurality of data values are the data arrays of conductance
3 matrices.

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1 13. (Amended) A storage device readable by machine, tangibly
2 embodying a program of instructions executable by the machine to perform a
3 method for visualizing data arrays provided in the form of a plurality of data
4 values, said method comprising the steps of:

5 extracting a plurality of data values associated with a mathematical
6 matrix to generate a grid based on the plurality of data values;

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7 associating each data value of the plurality of data values with one
8 of a plurality of geometric shapes according to a predetermined set of rules;

9 placing said one of the plurality of geometric shapes associated
10 with each data value of the plurality of data values on the grid; and

11 displaying visual and geometric information placed on the grid to a
12 user in graphical form..

1 14. (Amended) A storage device readable by a machine,
2 tangibly embodying a program of instructions executable by the machine to
3 perform a method for visualizing data arrays provided in the form of a plurality
4 of data values, said method comprising the steps of:

5 extracting a plurality of data values associated with a mathematical
6 matrix to generate a grid based on the plurality of data values;

7 identifying one of a plurality of numerical attributes associated
8 with each data value of the plurality of data values;

9 associating each numerical attribute with one of a plurality of
10 visual attributes;

11 associating each data value of the plurality of data values with one
12 of a plurality of geometric shapes each having one of the plurality of visual
13 attributes, which is consistent with the data value, according to a predetermined
14 set of rules;

15 placing said one of the plurality of geometric shapes associated
16 with each data value of the plurality of data values on the grid; and

17 displaying visual and geometric information placed on the grid to a
18 user in graphical form.

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1 16. (Amended) The device according to claim 13, wherein the
2 data array of the plurality of data values are the data arrays of conductance
3 matrices.

1 17. (Newly Added) The method according to claim 1, wherein
2 the data arrays of the plurality of data values are the data arrays of mathematical
3 models of systems.

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1 18. (Newly Added) The article of manufacture according to
2 claim 5, wherein the data arrays of the plurality of data values are the data
3 arrays of mathematical models of systems.

1 19. (Newly Added) The product according to claim 9, wherein
2 the data arrays of the plurality of data values are the data arrays of mathematical
3 models of systems.

1 20. (New Added) The device according to claim 13, wherein
2 the data array of the plurality of data values are the data arrays of mathematical
3 models of systems.